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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

ALFRED D. DENNIS, D.M.D. LICENSE NO. DI 16782

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of information alleging that Alfred D. Dennis, D.M.D. ("respondent"), permitted unlicensed persons to perform activities restricted by law to licensed individuals. Those activities included: taking x-rays, taking alginate impressions, and performing prophylactic treatments on patients. Respondent appeared before the Board on December 16, 1998, at an investigative inquiry accompanied by Michael F. Dolan, Esq., (Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukis).

After review of the investigative materials, including statements from Lesley Marshall, Annette L. Robinson, Beverly Nelson, and Novia Blain, as well as the testimony of Dharma Sarang and respondent, it appears to the Board that the respondent employed and permitted unlicensed dental assistant to perform those

dental procedures reserved by law to registered dental hygienists. The Board finds that conduct violates N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) and N.J.S.A. 45:6-61, providing that any licensed dentist who permits unlicensed persons to practice dental hygiene under his direction or control shall be guilty of conduct constituting willful and gross malpractice or willful and gross neglect in the practice of dentistry.

It now appearing to the Board that the respondent wishes to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS $6^{\frac{th}{D}}$ DAY OF October, 1999, ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall cease and desist from permitting unlicensed persons to perform activities restricted by law to licensed individuals.
- 2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the total amount of \$10,000.00 (\$2500 for each of four violations), for permitting unlicensed dental assistants in his employ to perform those dental procedures reserved by law to registered dental hygienists. This civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and sent to the Board of Dentistry, Attention: Agnes M. Clarke, Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45005, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of entry of this Order.

3. Within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, respondent shall pay costs to the Board in the amount of \$2,552.25 which payment shall be made by way of certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board office.

Jerome M. Fien Vice-President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to entry of this Order.

Alfred D. Dennis, D.M.D.